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TO : Department of State

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INFO: Bonn, Ouagadougou

FROM : AmEmbassy Moscow

SUBJECT: Disaffected Students: Joseph BAMBARA of Upper Volta

REF

who studied at Univ of Kiev from ca. 1963 to Aug 1967 when expelled

d.b.c. 1940

Upper Volta student

An Upper Voltan student, Joseph Bambara, visited the Embassy August 8, 1967, to inquire about the possibility of continuing his medical studies in the United States.

Mr. Bambara, who is a tall, heavy-set man of about twenty-seven years of age, said he had completed four years of a seven-year course in medicine at the University of Kiev. He said that a few days before, while still in Kiev, he had become involved in an argument with Soviet and Arab students about the recent Middle East crisis. He said he had undertaken to defend the position of Upper Volta in refusing to vote for U.N. draft resolutions condemning Israel and, in so doing, had aroused the wrath of the other students. This incident, he claimed, had led to his expulsion from the University. Mr. Bambara said he was reluctant to return to Upper Volta before completing his education and had decided to continue his studies in the United States.

Embassy officers explained to Mr. Bambara that there was little that could be done to help him unless he returned to Upper Volta. He was told, however, that it was possible to apply directly to American universities for admission and scholarship assistance, but that there was little likelihood of his being accepted by an American university before September, 1968. Mr. Bambara took down the addresses of several American universities to which he intended to write. He seemed undisturbed by a possible year's wait, explaining that he planned tentatively to go to West Germany at the end of August where he would find work to occupy him for a year. The Embassy offered Mr. Bambara no encouragement.

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on the possibility of obtaining employment in the Federal Republic or of using Germany as a stepping stone to an American university.

It is likely that, if Mr. Bambara goes to Germany, he will call at the American Embassy in Bonn.

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